

Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States; and “yea” on H. Res. 1051, Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall 438 on H. Res. 1242; “yes” on rollcall 439 on H. Con. Res. 372; and “yes” on rollcall 440 on H. Res. 1051.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS: GOODMAN, SCHWERNER AND CHANEY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the tragic death of Mississippi civil rights activists: Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner.

The murder of Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney occurred in Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964. These three young, courageous and bright men came to Philadelphia to fight for freedom and justice, promote equality in voting and bring peace and a better life for all people of Neshoba County. The American Civil Rights Movement carried out the mission of “Freedom Summer” determined to encourage equal voter registration regardless of race. The “Freedom Summer” participants included many Jewish-American and African-Americans, dedicated to such a noble cause. Unfortunately, three of the best, idealistic, and brightest of the volunteers who responded to the call to come to Mississippi and work for justice, were cowardly kidnapped and brutally murdered by the coldblooded activists of the Ku Klux Klan. Public outrage and demands for justice led to the FBI’s thorough investigation of this shocking murder case. For several weeks the American people followed the unfolding of this horrible event in the televised newscasts. The bodies of Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner were found 44 days later, buried in the dam with bullets in their hearts. Three years after the murders, FBI arrested 21 active members of the Ku Klux Klan and indicted 19 of them.

The realization of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 came in part as a result of public reaction to the brutal murders of Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner as well as through demonstrations, marches and public demand for passing these critical laws. Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner were committed to fight for justice and democracy in their beloved country. They believed in con-

stitutional rights for all, regardless of race, gender or religion. Even today this struggle is not yet over. We should continue the noble fight for justice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, June 23, 2008, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 1242, H. Con. Res. 372, and H. Res. 1051, and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 438 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1242, Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth, I would have voted “aye.”

Had I been present for rollcall No. 439 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 372, Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month, I would have voted “aye.”

Had I been present for rollcall No. 440 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1051, Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States, I would have voted “aye.”

HONORING RONNIE HEEP

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable citizen from my congressional district. Ronnie Heep, Chief of the Owensboro Fire Department, is retiring next month after 30 years of service.

Chief Heep first joined the Owensboro Fire Department in 1978, following in the footsteps of his father, Stewart, who himself served for 32 years. Ronnie steadily rose through the ranks, becoming a serious firefighter and public servant, culminating with his appointment as Chief in 2004.

As Chief, he has been responsible for training and managing a diverse crew of firefighters, purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus, and developing policies designed to help the department run as efficiently and safely as possible. He has been personally responsible for countless acts of heroism throughout his three decades as a firefighter and a medical first responder. His collective efforts have saved lives, protected property, and contributed to the overall safety and comfort enjoyed by those who live and work in Owensboro, KY.

It is my great privilege to honor Ronnie Heep today before the entire United States House of Representatives. His distinguished career, along with his unwavering dedication to his family and fellow firefighters, is a portrait of outstanding citizenship worthy of our collective respect and appreciation.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIGHER DIMENSION MATERIALS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an amazing company from Oakdale, Minnesota. Higher Dimension Materials has perfected a groundbreaking new material—called SuperFabric—which may literally revolutionize the world of material science and which has life-saving applications for our service men and women.

Under the bold and pioneering leadership of Dr. Young-Hwa-Kim, HDM has developed a line of SuperFabric materials, which possess an astonishing strength, flexibility and resistance and are open to an equally astonishing array of uses. After 10 years of painstaking research, HDM has successfully overcome the challenge of developing a polymer that possesses both great density and great flexibility. SuperFabrics incorporate hard solids with flexible fabrics to create new composite fabrics that maintain their original flexibility and yet are resistant to fire, abrasions, cuts and punctures.

In fact, NASA, law enforcement agencies and the United States military have all expressed great interest in taking advantage of Higher Dimensions’ breakthroughs. For instance, the military is applying Super Fabrics technology in the making of boots for the special-ops community and also potentially life-saving vests for Coast Guard divers. NASA is even testing SuperFabrics for new space gloves.

So revolutionary are these technologies that the University of Minnesota is putting them on display in their new Museum of Design. And the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Office of Textiles and Apparel has selected HDM to participate in their European Outdoor Show—one of the world’s major international trade shows, focusing on performance textiles.

These are but a few of the honors HDM has received for its ingenious technological advances. Thanks to the devotion and brilliance of people like Dr. Kim and the scientists at HDM, America continues to lead the world in the development of new technologies.

Higher Dimension Materials is a true credit to the state of Minnesota and I am honored to recognize their achievements today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 H. Res. 1242—Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”